

RESOLUTION OF THE
MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Authorization to Publish a Request for Comments
On Possible Amendments to Rules
Governing Routing of Proposed Intrastate Pipelines
Minnesota Rules chapter 4415

WHEREAS, the Environmental Quality Board has the authority to issue Pipeline Routing Permits for certain intrastate pipelines pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 116I.015; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 116I.015 directs and authorizes the EQB to promulgate rules governing the routing of pipelines; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Quality Board first promulgated its pipeline routing rules in 1989 and those rules are found at Minnesota Rules chapter 4415; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline routing rules in chapter 4415 have not been amended since they were adopted in 1989; and

WHEREAS, significant changes have been made in the EQB power plant siting rules (Minnesota Rules chapter 4400) in the last few years; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Quality Board is contemplating the amendment of its pipeline routing rules in chapter 4415 and has alerted various interested persons of this intention; and

WHEREAS, the EQB staff has developed certain draft amendments for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 14.101, subd. 1 requires an agency that is considering the adoption or amendment of rules to publish a Request for Comments in the State Register early on in the process:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the EQB hereby authorizes the Chair to publish a Request for Comments in the State Register on the possible amendment of Minnesota Rules chapter 4415 and to perform such other tasks as are necessary to bring proposed amendments to the Board for authorization to go forward with proposed rulemaking on the amendments.

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